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Robert Biersack
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Re: **MUR 5421**

Dear Mr. Biersack:

On behalf of our client Mellon Trust of New England, N.A. ("Mellon"), today we delivered to the attention of Dawn M. Odrowski a letter with accompanying exhibits to the Commission's General Counsel, Lawrence Norton, in connection with the above-mentioned matter.

In accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 4.5, Mellon requests confidential treatment of this letter and the enclosed documents Bates-numbered 1-41, each of which bears the legend "FOIA Confidential Treatment Requested," except for document numbers 30, 38-39. The documents for which we request confidential treatment are not available to the general public.¹ The documents contain sensitive information relating to the personal financial information of Mellon's customer, with whom Mellon has a confidential banking relationship. The documents further contain account information and confidential business information regarding Mellon's loan operations.

On Mellon's behalf, we request that Mellon be provided with advance notice by telephone and facsimile or express mail of any request to the Commission to disclose these documents, so that Mellon and its counsel may be heard on the question of the propriety of any proposed disclosure. Such notice may be provided to the undersigned.

In addition, we request that the documents produced herewith not be made publicly available by the Commission and that they be returned to Mellon at the conclusion of the Commission's investigation. We are providing a duplicate copy of this letter and a self-addressed stamped envelope, and request that they be used to provide us with a written acknowledgement of Mellon's request for confidential treatment.

¹ A sworn statement to this effect is forthcoming.

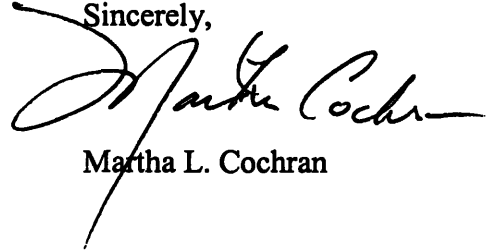
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martha Cochran", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Martha L. Cochran

Enclosures

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EXHIBITS 1-9 CONTAIN PERSONAL AND BANKING INFORMATION,
THEREFORE, THEY HAVE BEEN REMOVED

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